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JOHN SANDS DIRECTOR MEPD

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SUBJECT: SOLAR ENERGY/DESALINATION

1. JOHN SANDS PLANS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH
COMMERCIAL OFFICER RANSOM DURING COMMERCIAL OFFICERS
CONFERENCE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2. IN CAMEROON.

2. SINCE RECEIVING AMBASSADOR HANDYSIDES SEPTEMBER 24,
1975 LETTER RE SUBJECT MEPD HAS BEEN SEEKING US FIRMS
WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND INTEREST IN PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES.
WE HAD DETERMINED EARLIER THAT 'E' SYSTEMS DALLAS, TEXAS
HAD INTEREST IN SOLAR GATHERING SYSTEM AND WAS INVOLVED IN
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN TEXAS. "E" SYSTEMS HAS A "MEMO
OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STONE AND WEBSTER CORPORATION
(WHICH HAS WORKED IN DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY IN GREAT
DEPTH AND COVERS ALL ENGINEERING ASPECTS OUTSIDE "E"
SYSTEMS AREA OF PARTICULAR INTEREST - SOLAR COLLECTORS).

3. E SYSTEM'S DR. YUDI GUPTA OF GARLAND, TEXAS HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING ANY DETAILS WITH
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MAURITANIAN OFFICIALS (EITHER IN US OR MAURITANIA) SOLAR

ENERGY SYSTEMS THERE ARE TWO GENERAL CATEGORIES FOR
THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTORS ACCORDING TO
DR. GUPTA. ONE IS ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND ONE CONCEPT
SUITED TO AIRCONDITIONING, HEATING AND DESALINATION.

4. MEPD WILL ADVISE NOUAKCHOTT OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS
RESUBJECT AND WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY
DEVELOPS. INGERSOLL

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